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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/495,147
<i>Filing Date</i>	January 31, 2000
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3683
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	11757/40

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Response to Office Action
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other petition for extension of time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - 1-month
 - iii. Other
 - iv. Charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17
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APPLICANT : Niwa SATORU
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FILED : January 31, 2000
FOR : BRAKING SYSTEM HAVING SWITCHING DEVICE
FOR SUPPLYING ENERGY TO ELECTRICALLY
CONTROLLED BRAKE THROUGH BRAKE
CONTROLLER UPON OPERATION OF BRAKE
OPERATING MEMBER
GROUP ART UNIT : 3683
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 1, 2002,
reconsideration of the rejection of the above-identified patent application is
respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2-6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21 and 29 as follows:

2. (Third Time Amended) An electrically controlled braking system
according to claim 39, wherein said electrically controlled brake includes a rotor
for rotating with said wheel, a friction member, and an electric motor for forcing
said friction member onto said rotor, and said brake control apparatus includes a
motor control device for controlling the electric energy to be supplied from said
electric power source device to said electric motor.